CITY OF HARRINGTON RESOLUTION 17-R-02

Participation in the Delaware Economic Development Office Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program

WHEREAS, the Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO) has established the Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate status to assist localities in developing public-private efforts to revitalize their downtown commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, Delaware cities, towns, and communities that are interested in exploring downtown revitalization, those that may not be eligible for designation, or those that do not wish to meet Main Street requirements, may participate as an Affiliate; and

WHEREAS, Affiliate Communities will have access to all Downtown Delaware training and limited on-site assistance, as resources permit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrington desires to participate in the DEDO Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program and has completed the necessary application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Harrington seeks to renew its participation in the DEDO Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program with the specific goal of economically revitalizing the designated downtown district within the context of historic preservation using the Main Street Approach as a model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Harrington recognizes that the Main Street model is considered one of many economic and community development tools used by a locality and that successful downtown revitalization requires an on-going commitment, continuous attention, and a full public-private partnership; thus, the City has full intent to actively support and implement the initiates developed as a result of Commercial District Affiliate status, resources permitting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Harrington understands that participation in the DEDO Downtown Delaware Commercial District Affiliate Program does not guarantee selection as a Designated Main Street Community and that the City will be eligible to receive Affiliate Community services from Downtown Delaware as long as the requirements stated in the Program Guidelines are met.

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THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was adopted by a majority of the City Council of Harrington on this 21^{st} day of February 2017.

Anthony R. Mover, Mayor

Attest:

Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council